



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 7022***

LCO No. 5241

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:  
(JUD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING BIRTH OUTCOMES AND THEIR RELATION  
TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 (a) There is established a task force to study the relationship  
2 between domestic violence and poor birth outcomes. The study shall  
3 include, but not be limited to, a collection and analysis of information  
4 from various sources including battered women's centers, hospitals  
5 and health care providers concerning the risk of infant mortality, birth  
6 defects and other poor birth outcomes due to domestic violence during  
7 pregnancy, and an examination of programs and services that could  
8 reduce the incidence of such poor birth outcomes and improve child  
9 health and development.

10 (b) The task force shall be comprised of thirteen members as  
11 follows: The Child Advocate or the Child Advocate's designee, the  
12 Victim Advocate or the Victim Advocate's designee, the commissioner  
13 of the Office of Health Care Access or the commissioner's designee, the  
14 Chief Court Administrator or the Chief Court Administrator's  
15 designee, the executive director of the Commission on Children, a  
16 representative of the Connecticut Women's Consortium, a

17 representative of the March of Dimes, and six members appointed one  
18 each by the president pro tempore of the Senate, the speaker of the  
19 House of Representatives, the majority leader of the Senate, the  
20 majority leader of the House of Representatives, the minority leader of  
21 the Senate and the minority leader of the House of Representatives.

22 (c) The task force shall report its findings and recommendations to  
23 the General Assembly not later than February 6, 2002, in accordance  
24 with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To study the correlation between domestic violence and poor birth outcomes.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*